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Examiner: Brian P Werner

Eugene A DeLaRosa

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Group Art Unit: 2621

For: METHOD FOR MEASURING

REGISTRATION OF OVERLAPPING

MATERIAL LAYERS OF AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

## APPLICANTS' COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant agrees in part with the Examiner's reasons for allowance in that the prior art of record fails to disclose the limitations noted by the Examiner. Applicant further notes that the Examiner's reasons for allowance refer to the specification when discussing some claim limitations; however, Applicant strongly disagrees with any attempt to read limitations into the allowed claims. The allowed claim language is clear in what it defines.

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Respectfully submitted.

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